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EUR WHEN DCM CALLED ON [redacted] THIS
P MORNING, LATTER WAS QUITE RELAXED ABOUT US SALE OF SUPERSONIC AIR-
USIA CRAFT TO JORDAN WHICH WAS WIDELY REPORTED IN PRESS FROM WASHINGTON
NSC OVER WEEKEND. [redacted] SHOWED US REPORTING TELEGRAM FROM FRENCH EMBASSY
INR WASHINGTON GIVING DETAILS OF TRANSACTION. HE EXPRESSED NO RPT NO RE-
CIA GRET THAT FRENCH OFFER HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN ACCEPTED. HE SAID
NSA JORDAN HAD MILITARILY NO RPT NO NEED OF MODERN AIRCRAFT AND
DOD THAT IF THEY INSISTED ON HAVING THEM, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST
AID

MC PAGE TWO RUFNCR 145 C O N F I D E N T I A L
BE SUPPLIED AT PRICE WHICH WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE STABILITY OF
RSR THAT WEAK COUNTRY. [redacted] EXPRESSED HOPE MAINTENANCE CHARGES
WOULD BE REASONABLE, AND HE WAS PLEASED FROM FRENCH EMBASSY REPORT
TO NOTE THAT INITIAL DOZEN AIRCAFT (10F-104A AND 2F-104B)
HAD BEEN SUPPLIED FROM US SURPLUS STOCKS AT PRICES COMPARABLE
TO SOVIET OFFER OF MIGS.

[redacted] THAT WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THAT AIRCRAFT SHOULD
BE FINANCED FROMFUNDS SUPPLIED TO UAC PRINCIPALLY FROM KUWAIT AND
THAT PRICE NOT BE CONSIDERED AS COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION. HE
SAID APPARENTLY WE HAD ACCEPTED THAT PREMISE AND FRENCH HAD NOT
RPT NOT BEEN INTERESTED IN THIS SORT OF DEAL BUT WANTED TO SELL
MIRAGE IIIES TO MAKE COMMERCIAL PROFIT. HE THEREFORE CONSIDERED
MATTER CLOSED AND EXPRESSED NO REGRET FRENCH OFFER HAD NOT BEEN
ACCEPTED.

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